



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

As submitted to the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies on March 26, 2010:

### **State/Foreign Operations**

#### **Internet Freedom**

I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$50 million from existing Democracy Fund budget authority for efforts to facilitate and promote widespread, secure internet use by individuals residing in countries practicing repressive internet monitoring, censorship and control. This is a low-cost method of allowing people, especially those living under repressive regimes, to access all-source, uncensored, unfiltered information. This capability enables freedom of thought, expression and the unimpeded flow of ideas and information. In expending these funds, I strongly encourage the Department of State to consider proposals submitted by the **Global Internet Freedom Consortium**.

#### **The Near East**

Military and economic assistance to our peace-supporting allies in the Mideast remains an indispensable means of supporting the peace process. The provision of U.S. assistance to Israel and Egypt constitutes the cornerstone of our Mideast policy for the encouragement of a comprehensive regional peace, and I urge the Subcommittee to support not less than \$3.0 billion in FMF assistance to **Israel**. It is crucial that the bill explicitly reaffirm the United States' commitment to Israel's security, including noting the importance of the 10 year U.S./Israel Security Agreement to strengthen Israel's defense.

The United States provides **Egypt** approximately \$2 billion in foreign aid each year. This serious commitment was made after Egypt signed the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty of March 1979. I support continuation of this aid only if Egypt makes a fully committed effort to advance U.S. objectives in the Mideast. I urge the committee to support such assistance contingent upon Egypt's commitment to advance U.S. objectives in the region.

On September 22, 2008, the governments of the U.S. and **Jordan** reached an agreement whereby the United States will provide a total of \$660 million in annual foreign assistance to Jordan over a 5-year period. I urge the Subcommittee to adhere to the terms of this Memorandum of

Understanding contingent on the willingness of the Jordanians to support American interests in the region.

Any aid for the **Palestinian Authority** should only be permitted upon certification that the ruling government denounces violence, combats terrorism, respects Israel's right to exist and that no portion is controlled by a terrorist organization. Any aid given must be subject to stringent auditing requirements and financial transparency.

There are also many other important Middle East provisions that have long been in the bill which I hope will be maintained. These include, but are not restricted to, the multitude of policy provisions, restrictions and auditing requirements linked to bilateral assistance to the Palestinians that have helped ensure that aid is not diverted or misused and that the Palestinian Authority commits to negotiations with Israel and to fighting terror. I also hope that the Subcommittee will work to ensure steps are taken to promote the detection and destruction of smuggling networks and tunnels that lead from Egypt to Gaza.

Additionally, I urge the subcommittee to include language conditioning aid to Russia with its termination of assistance to Iranian missile programs.

### **Pakistan**

Pakistani cooperation is necessary for efforts to defeat Al Qaeda in Central Asia to succeed. I urge the Subcommittee to include language conditioning U.S. aid to Pakistan on Pakistan's demonstrated support of U.S. interests in the region.

### **Global Health - Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

I urge the Subcommittee to support \$1.75 billion for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria for fiscal year 2011. Further, I urge the Subcommittee to provide continued funding for Maternal and Child Health Programs and for Combating Infectious Disease.

### **United Nations Development Program/United Nations Population Fund**

It is important for the United States to continue its support for those United Nations programs that continue to provide valuable assistance overseas in keeping with our national interests. In particular, I urge the Subcommittee to support funding for the **United Nations Development Program** which is charged with carrying out global development and enhancing local capacity including democratic governance, poverty reduction and combating HIV/AIDS. In addition, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the **United Nations Population Fund** (UNFPA). I further urge the Subcommittee to encourage the Administration to spend the existing funds that were appropriated for UNFPA in previous fiscal years. I believe that the current lobbying, advocacy, and funding restrictions should be eliminated in order to allow foreign non-

governmental organizations to use their own funds to provide legal abortion services, including counseling and referrals. Family planning programs supported by the United States save lives around the world. The current restrictions are unnecessary, and prevent many organizations from providing vital health and education services to women in need.

### **Export-Import Bank**

The Export-Import Bank provides a vital service by assisting American exporters in maximizing their export sales, thus stimulating economic growth and job creation in the United States.

Funding for the Export-Import Bank helps to meet the demands of developing businesses in emerging markets. I urge the Subcommittee to continue supporting the Bank. Funding will allow the Bank to match foreign, officially sponsored export credit competition, assume commercial and political risks that U.S. exporters or private sector institutions are unwilling or unable to undertake, and overcome limitations in private sector export financing.

### **Millennium Challenge Corporation**

I urge the subcommittee to support a contribution to the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). The MCC will select countries that demonstrate a commitment to ruling justly, investing in their people and encouraging economic freedom to work in partnership to strengthen economic growth and reduce poverty. It is imperative the Congress fund this key initiative which is key to the United States' strategy towards global development.

### **Migration and Refugee Assistance**

Strong advocacy for refugee assistance programs reflects our fundamental commitment to helping those who have been forced to flee their native countries. Fiscal Year 2011 funding for the Migration and Refugee Assistance program will sustain assistance for populations of concern as well as support programs safeguarding the health of refugees. I believe that we should robustly fund the Migration and Refugee Assistance program due to the strains that have recently been placed on the program. I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$25 million for individuals seeking resettlement in Israel.

I urge the Subcommittee to provide adequate funds to replenish the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance fund. Additionally, I strongly urge the Subcommittee to provide language to continue to permit Iranian citizens who have been persecuted on account of race, religion, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group, access to refugee assistance.

### **International Narcotics Control**

I request that the Subcommittee provide \$5 million to enable the United States to strengthen cooperation with Cuba on counter-narcotics efforts. Because of its close proximity to U.S. shores, Cuba represents one of the biggest threats to our drug interdiction efforts, yet it is largely ignored in our counter-narcotics efforts. The United States regularly cooperates with foreign

government agencies throughout the world to gather information regarding narcotics production and trafficking networks. With this funding, the United States will be able to begin preliminary work to establish counter-narcotics cooperation with relevant Cuban agencies.

### **Education and Cultural Exchange Programs**

I urge the Subcommittee to support robust funding for educational and cultural exchange programs. Programs such as the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) provide invaluable opportunities to build goodwill with future leaders of other countries. Accordingly, I encourage the subcommittee to increase funding to IVEP to return the number of foreign leaders participating in the program to 5,000.

### **Women's Campaign International**

I urge the Subcommittee to continue to recognize the work of Women's Campaign International, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing political, educational, media and leadership training for women in emerging democracies in Afghanistan, Colombia, Liberia, Malawi and Sri Lanka. Women's Campaign International has received over \$2 million in grants from USAID since fiscal year 2002.

### **Temple University Rule of Law**

I urge the Subcommittee to continue to recognize the work that Temple University's School of Law has done and continues to do with Tsinghua University in support of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law so that it may expand its criminal law procedure program which provides groundbreaking education and programs for Chinese prosecutors and the Chinese defense bar. Temple University will continue, with funds made available in this section, to provide its LLM training for Chinese judges and ministry officials, as well as WTO compliance training for provincial level Chinese judges in conjunction with New York University, Brigham Young University, and China's Judicial College. This program has received grant funding from the Department of State since fiscal year 1999.